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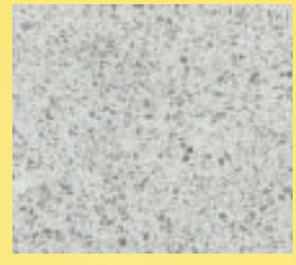

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UNDER PRESSURE

Ancient water main in New Malden has 'zero life expectancy'

Monday's flooding. Inset: How we reported the original news and flooding in Chessington Picture: James Berry

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AN ANCIENT water main running under New Malden and surrounding areas will finally be upgraded after Thames Water discovered it had "zero life expectancy".

This newspaper reported last July that the 200-year-old pipe, which supplies some 82,000 homes as part of the company's pressurised water supply network, could rupture at any time.

The flaws came to light during planning for the mini-Holland cycling link between New Malden and Raynes Park.

Water mains outside New Malden station have burst twice in the last two years, with numerous properties damaged when the underpass flooded to a depth of several feet last June.

New Malden councillor Raju Pandya said: "It's amazing how they've allowed it to get in that state."

In April, a burst water main forced families out of their homes in Chessington and, last weekend, swathes of Tooting and Wimbledon were left underwater in another leak, in stark demonstrations of the potential for damage.

The pressurised supply is contained in four major pipes including the New Malden one.

A second has just 10 years of life left and the other two are yet to be assessed.

Thames Water estimates that the repair work in New Malden will be finished by the end of the year, but may stretch into 2017 if other pipes are discovered to be in need of urgent repair.

Kingston MP James Berry said: "At the end of the day they need to stop this happening in the future – those pipes are prehistoric.

"They are obviously no longer fit for purpose."

The Cut footpath, alongside the railway, will be closed while the work takes place and temporary traffic lights will be installed along Coombe Road.

Project manager Ben Connis said: "Feedback from our customers is they want to see us investing money and upgrading our ageing network of pipes to reduce leaks and bursts.

"They want reliable water supplies that are fit for the future so it's vital we upgrade the old pipes, which amazingly pre-date the reign of Queen Victoria."

Costing £5.5m, the project will see plastic tubes installed inside the pipes to reduce the risk of interruptions to the water supply.

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GARDEN BIRDS: The house sparrow is the most common bird in Kingston's gardens. Research by the RSPB showed the small brown birds were spotted more than any other. In neighbouring Richmond and Sutton, woodpigeons were the most prominent garden bird.

CEMETERY DAY: The next Kingston cemetery conservation day will start at 10am on July 16. The morning will focus on improving the Bonner Hill Road cemetery. All tools and training will be provided. For more information visit Kingston Cemetery Nature Group on Facebook.

PHONES GONE: People without mobile phones will find it harder to make a call from Surbiton station. The two BT phone boxes that stood outside the station's main entrance have been removed. The boxes were taken by workmen on June 24 due to being "underused".

ROWING GRANT: Tiffin School has been successful in its joint bid with Kingston Rowing Club for £75,000 of funding from Sport England to renovate the boathouse. It is hoped the renovations will encourage more students to take up the opportunity of rowing on the Thames. Work on the boathouse is expected to take about three months.

Man repeatedly banged a stick against wall and put his victims through 'significant turmoil'

Neighbour from hell spared prison for harassment without violence

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A NOISY neighbour from hell who forced a couple to go on weekends away to get a good night's sleep has narrowly avoided jail.

Raymond Putt, 68, deliberately banged on the walls and floor of his Worcester Park home with a wooden stick late at night over a four-month period, putting his neighbours through "significant turmoil".

Magistrates slapped the pensioner with a suspended prison sentence last week after he was found guilty of harassment.

Croydon Magistrates' Court heard that between September 2 last year and January 11 this year Putt repeatedly banged on the floors and walls of his home, causing his neighbour Sally Steggle and her partner to become so stressed they fell ill.

Putt's neighbour, an ex-police officer, recorded the banging and called the police.

After officers visited Putt in November he claimed the noise was "tit for tat" and said the couple had also been loud. But he was warned by the police and ordered to stop.

The court heard he then ceased the banging for six to seven weeks and Ms Streggle was "finally able to relax". However, in January the noise resumed and Putt was arrested.

In a statement read out in court by prosecutor Ross Waredall, Miss Streggle said: "Myself and my partner have been made very upset by this banging and it has caused me to feel run-down and develop an infection. My partner has chest pain and the GP says it is related to stress.

"At 1am and 2am we are awake wondering if he will start again. We tend to make weekend arrangements away just to get a decent night's sleep.

"We are constantly worried whether this harassment will end as he ignores the warnings given to him by the police and the council."

Putt, of Burnham Drive, denied a charge of harassment without violence but was found guilty at Croydon Magistrates' Court on June 10.

At Friday's sentencing hearing Putt's lawyer, Mohamed Sourbah, claimed his neighbours had a "hidden agenda".

He said: "[Putt] lives alone and has lived in his home for 28 years. The victim was on a mission and recorded this, the banging, from the first night they were recording the noise.

"It seems like she had a hidden agenda that she recorded this noise. She is an ex-police officer and used her skills to bring him, Mr Putt, down. She is a clever victim, but at the end of the day the result lies with the court."

Magistrate Richard Gould told Putt: "This is a serious offence and we believe that a custodial sentence is appropriate and so we are sending you to prison for six weeks and that is to make clear that this is a serious offence.

"The evidence against you is significant and you put the victim through significant turmoil.

"However, we will suspend the sentence for 12 months. You have one chance to abide by the sentence, or you will go to prison. Do you understand?"

Putt replied: "Yes."

He was also handed a community order and a 12-month rehabilitation order.

Suspended sentence: Magistrates jailed Raymond Putt, 68, for six weeks, suspended for a year, for his repeated banging

'Cat ripper' takes yet another victim

FEARS that a serial cat killer has struck again in Kingston have arisen after a cat's head was found in Worcester Park.

Campaigners from the South Norwood Animal Rescue and Liberty (Snarl) group, which has fought over several months to prove the so-called "Croydon cat killer" is real, said it found the mutilated head in Hampton Road last Tuesday night.

Three days earlier another cat, named Hero, was found in the KT2 postcode, according to the group's leader Boudicca Rising. In April a cat called Lulu was found decapitated outside a home near Ham.

Metropolitan Police officers have sunk some 1,000 hours into finding the killer.

Snarl claims the killer is responsible for the deaths of more than 50 cats across London. It has worked with police and the RSPCA to test the bodies of cats it believes were victims.

The Met said it was looking into the latest reports.

Animal rights group PETA has offered a £5,000 reward for information leading to the capture of the killer.

At home: Hero before he was found dead

College rolls out red carpet

MORE than 300 students and parents gathered for Chessington Community College's annual Literary Artistic Film and Theatrical Awards, or LAFTAs.

A red carpet art and design exhibition included student artwork, magazine designs and films, as more than 50 pupils were awarded golden statuettes for their efforts in English, art, media, film, music, photography, drama, ICT, resistant materials and textiles on Thursday, June 23.

Headteacher Ash Ali said: "As a country, one of our greatest talents is our ability to innovate new concepts and ideas. Nationally, as the government challenges us to cut some of our creative programs, we refuse to do so and will continue to invest more in creative subjects."

Having a laf: Students

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Silence where 100 years ago machine guns and bombs took the lives of 300,000 soldiers

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SOMME. The very word is dread. Putting into words the horror of July 1, 1916 is futile.

Not forgetting the other 1,400 days of the First World War, the opening day of the Battle of the Somme stands alone as hell on earth.

Consider the numbers – by the end of that first day, 19,240 British soldiers were dead. A crude sum makes it 13 men killed every 60 seconds.

By the end of the five-month battle, casualties on both sides stood at one million, including about 300,000 dead. There is another figure that is equally distressing – the bodies of 72,000 soldiers were never found.

Their names are inscribed on the walls of the Thiepval Memorial in the Somme district, and it was there that we gathered, on July 1, 2016, to commemorate the centenary of the Battle of the Somme.

I did not lose any relatives in the Great War, but I felt a sense of duty to be in northern France to pay my respects to those who gave their todays for our tomorrows.

I will forever be in bewildered awe of the men who faced the barrage of German machine guns and bombardment. I am left dumbstruck by that courage.

We were joined at Thiepval by 10,000 like-minded souls, including the Prince of Wales and David Cameron.

The service was a sombre affair with all the military respect you would expect.

There are moments that will stick with me forever.

I choke up singing Abide with Me" at FA Cup finals, so imagine what I was like in the shadow of the Thiepval Memorial.

There were many readings, but one that stood out was that of a letter home from a son, Percy, who fought alongside his brother, Willie, in the South African Infantry (SAI).

It tells parents they are well, that Willie is a hero and that the SAI is held in high regard.

Once the reading was done, we were told: "Neither Percy nor Willie would survive the war."

The sounding of the Last Post was followed by a two-minute silence, and while a rain of poppies and cornflowers drifted down from the peak of the memorial, all you could hear was birdsong.

It is a far cry from 100 years before, when the deafening sounds of war was all the Somme knew.

But now it is peaceful, for which we owe a debt of gratitude.

Spending a day remembering the fallen barely scratches the surface – to do them justice, we must remember them always.

In memoriam: The Somme anniversary event, France

The sacrifices of the Somme

JOIN GROUP: Kingston's Visual Impairment Parliament is looking for new members. The parliament works to develop health, education, transport, leisure and employment services. Email kingstonassoc@btconnect.com for information.

DRUNK DRIVER: A drink-driver must carry out 150 hours of unpaid work after he was caught nearly three times over the limit in Tolworth Broadway. Wimbledon magistrates also banned Shivaranjith Sivapragasam, 54, of Meadway, Berrylands, from the road for 26 months on June 23.

AIRPORT ROLE: Heathrow has appointed Lord Blunkett to lead a new taskforce to identify skills and training programmes needed to deliver the airport's expansion should the government approve a third runway. Lord Blunkett held cabinet posts in education, employment and work and pensions during his time in the Labour government and will work to ensure smooth expansion should the airport be permitted to build a third runway.

COACH CRASH: A woman was hurt when a car and coach crashed in Chessington. Police were called to Leatherhead Road at 6.52pm last Wednesday. Firefighters from New Malden, Wimbledon and Surbiton also attended. and gave first aid to the woman, who was treated for shock and facial injuries before being taken to hospital.

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Tribute: Ray Rowe at the ceremony in All Saints Church

Tributes to the brave

Tributes were paid to the thousands of brave soldiers who gave their lives at the battle of the Somme 100 years ago in a moving ceremony in All Saints Church, *writes Rachael Burford*.

Rev. Jonathan Wilkes led the service in the Kingston town centre church on Friday. Paying tribute to those who gave their lives in the First World War and later conflicts, he said: "Lets pledge ourselves to make our world today worthy of the tomorrows tomorrows they gave up for us."

Former naval officer Ray Rowe said: "It has been a lovely service for the men who gave their lives so bravely."

Jan Lee-Mann came to pay tribute to her grandfather Willian Lee from Surbiton who died in the Battle of the Somme.

She said: "This service has been amazing because it has brought him back to life for me in a way."

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Foreign guests 'more welcome than ever' after Brexit vote

'The world is welcome' at this year's arts fest

Diverse acts: Performers in A Really Really Big Modern Telly

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THE director of one of the largest and most diverse youth events in the world, that kicks off in Kingston next week, has said international visitors and performers will be 'more welcome' than ever this year.

In the wake of the Brexit vote, International Youth Arts Festival (IYAF) director Andy Currums said he wanted to 'reassure' the festival's young international performers and visitors.

The festival, which starts tomorrow, offers comedy, theatre, music, art and dance performances in venues across the borough, until July 17.

Mr Currums said: "The vote has changed the tone a bit. The carnival on July 10 is called Kingston Welcomes the World.

"It has been called this every year but it has taken on new meaning this time I think."

Now in its eighth year, IYAF will see another extravaganza of talent by its young performers, all under the age of 26 and from almost every continent.

Mr Currums added: "At a time when many questions are being asked both in the UK and overseas about identity and belonging we wish to celebrate the role the arts and young people play in making a more rich, varied and cohesive world."

Playwright Mr Currums, who wrote and starred in Alex 'The Hurricane' Higgins biopic *The People's Champion* at the festival in 2013, has been part of IYAF since 2009 when he played a tree in a Rose Theatre production.

He said: "We have a lot of great performers coming and it is so hard to pick out just one.

"I am really looking forward to *Wonder*. Thirty-two German performers are involved and it explores what it is to be normal. But we have some absolutely amazing acts over the festival in all areas."

The festival program and ticket information can be found at iyafestival.org.uk.

Award for eye unit volunteer

AN EYE eye trust volunteer has been commended for his work with the Royal Eye Unit at at Kingston Hospital.

David Broughton, 61, of Kingston, works with the Thomas Pocklington Trust, a charity committed to increasing awareness and understanding of people with sight loss.

He received a Volunteering Responsible Award from the hospital on June 16.

Royal Eye Unit Matron Vivienne Bramall nominated Mr Broughton for the award.

She said: "David is very proactive. He listens to our patients and makes changes where possible following their feedback.

"He has put up visual-impaired friendly notices above the drinks machines in Outpatients.

"David is a great advocate for the Royal Eye Unit, he has a can-do attitude and is always looking for ways to improve the environment for our patients."

Award: David Broughton

The Thomas Pocklington Trust tweeted that it was "wonderful news and truly well deserved", adding they were "very proud".

Driver twice alcohol limit

A DRINK-DRIVER has been banned from the road for two years after he was caught more than twice over the limit.

Giressa Mabassa, 31, of Malden Road, New Malden, must also undergo treatment for alcohol dependency, he was told when he appeared at Wimbledon Magistrates' Court on June 23.

He had been caught driving without insurance or a licence.

Trains 'to be cut' by firm

Commuters are likely to face yet more disruption after Southern confirmed it will axe 341 trains a day under a new temporary timetable.

The under-fire rail operator announced it would introduce the new timetable from Monday due to high numbers of staff sickness and an "unwillingness" by others to work overtime after an industrial dispute in June.

RMT union members went on strike over a dispute regarding conductors' contracts.

Among the announcements Southern said that 95 per cent of the capacity in Victoria station would be achieved during morning and evening peak times as well as 86 per cent and 84 per cent of the morning and evening peak capacity travelling into London Bridge.

Longer trains and replacement bus services will run "whenever possible" and passengers can claim compensation for delays against both the original and revised timetables.

Where did £500k go?

A FORMER florist has been banned from working as a company director after he was unable to verify where more than £500,000 of payments from his Kingston-based business came from.

Gazmend Lika, 41, was director of Blue Universal Ltd, which ran the flower shop in Kingston train station.

An investigation by the Insolvency Service found £579,058 of company money could not be accounted for from October 2010 until the company went into liquidation in October 2013.

It included £86,310 in cash withdrawals and £205,520 in transfers to Lika himself from the company bank account.

Lika, of Ewell Road, Surbiton, was unable to provide accounts to HMRC showing where the money had gone.

He was banned from working as a company director for seven years from June 23 this year.

Lawrence Zussman of the Insolvency Service said: "This disqualification sends a clear message to other company directors: If you fail to comply with statutory legislation because you do not maintain sufficient company records the Insolvency Service will not hesitate to investigate."

Social care contributions could go up to 100 per cent of available income

Council told it is 'attacking' its most vulnerable citizens

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KINGSTON Council has been accused of "attacking" vulnerable residents over plans to make elderly and disabled adults pay all their leftover funds towards social care.

The council is considering changing its adult social care contributions policy so that residents able to pay towards services contribute 100 per cent of their 'available income' – money left over after living costs are taken into account.

Critics have argued the changes will be the difference between residents being able to afford simple leisure activities like going to the cinema or not, with some adults potentially paying up to £60 more per week.

Lisa Ehlers, chief executive of the Kingston Centre for Independent Living, said: "It is attacking people who are already affected by other cuts, like cuts to their benefits. It is hitting the most vulnerable people in society. I know people who are so close to their budget that that £5 could be the difference between just going to the cinema on Friday.

Care: 'Under attack'

"It'll be harder for them to be part of the community."

About half of adult social care users are due to be affected if Kingston Council introduces the policy change.

Residents currently pay 75 per cent of their available income.

Cllr Cathy Roberts, cabinet member for adult social care, said: "Social care and support services provided by the council are not usually free. Kingston has faced an unprecedented drop in central government funding for the last six years, as well as an increasing population and demand for council services."

The council has also proposed a second option, under which residents who already pay the full costs of their care would also pay "arrangement and management fees".

These would include a one-off set up fee and weekly payments for the council to organise the service. A public consultation has been launched.

Anne Blanche, 77, of Portsmouth Road, is now an ambassador for Carers UK having cared for her parents for almost 30 years.

She said: "You are caring 24 hours, seven days a week. This is something that the carers themselves love to do, they do it voluntarily and they are concerned.

"The effects are horrendous – they are going to lose what little money they have."

Kingston Council leader Kevin Davis said: "It's very easy to get into hyperbolic language.

"People already pay 75 per cent. The principle is there.

"It's not something that is completely radical. If people don't have the income to pay then they don't have to – that applies to whatever service we provide.

"It's a consultation and we will see what people come back with."

Cllr Davis warned residents in December last year that Kingston was to become "one of London's lowest-funded boroughs" due to central government cuts.

The government then provided Kingston Council with a "transitional grant" to help with the estimated £20m that would need to be cut over the next four years.

A decision will be made by the Adult and Children's Committee once the consultation ends in September.

APPEAL BOOST: The Kingston Hospital Dementia Appeal received a £1,100 cheque from the Inner Wheel club in New Malden. The funds go towards equipping specialist facilities to benefit vulnerable patients.

CONDUIT TOUR: There will be an open day at Coombe Conduit, one of Kingston's oldest structures, on Sunday, July 10. The Conduit is located in Coombe Lane West and was built for Henry VIII in 1540. Free guided tours will be available between 2pm and 4pm.

FAIRFIELD FAIR: Kingston will play host to a popular funfair for the next two weeks as the council trials whether to allow fairs into the borough. Irvin's Funfair, a family-oriented fair that also runs at Hampton Court, will run at the Fairfield Recreation Ground from Friday, July 8 to Sunday, July 17.

CARE HOME: Pupils from a Kingston primary school helped open a brand new care home in the borough. The Sherwood Grange care home, in Robin Hood Lane, officially opened on Friday, June 17, with pupils from Robin Hood Primary School, Bowness Crescent, on hand to help out with its grand launch. The ribbon was cut by deputy mayor Cllr Rowena Bass.

BIKE HIRE: The borough's first Brompton bike hire pod has been set up in Surbiton. Commuters can now hire the fold-up cycles near the train station. Frequent users will pay an annual fee of £20 and then £2.50 for each hire.

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Three came from UK, South Africa and Oz for the occasion

Triplets reunite Down Under for joint 80ths

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Reunion: Joyce Carlin, Peter Aburrow and Barry Aburrow Gary Sissons

TRIPLETS have reunited more than 9,000 miles away in Australia to celebrate their 80th birthdays.

Joyce, Peter and Barry Aburrow, who were born at Kingston Hospital and grew up in Worcester Park, met at Barry's home in Mount Eliza, Australia, last month to celebrate the milestone.

The eldest triplet, now Joyce Carlin, was followed hours later by Peter and then Barry in Kingston Hospital in May 1936, which Barry described as 'fair sensation' due to the rarity of giving birth to healthy triplets in prewar Britain.

Mr Aburrow said the triplets' birth was covered in the *Surrey Comet*, alongside a 'cute picture'.

He said: "People would peek into our pram as our mother wheeled it down the street and say, 'Ooh look, there's three in there'. Triplets didn't seem to survive long in those days as there were so many illnesses. As soon as mum saw us, she said, 'I don't want any more'."

The triplets grew up in Worcester Park during the war but eventually all went their separate ways.

Barry moved to Australia in 1965 with his South African-born wife Jane following him later.

Although trained as a cabinet and carriage maker, he was a physical education teacher for 28 years. His sister Joyce flew from Cape Town, in South Africa, and his brother Peter from Surrey. He added: "We have now come together here in Australia to celebrate our 80th birthday, all being in reasonable health and relatively fit.

"We would like to be remembered to all [in Worcester Park] who have good memories of us, and to wish them good fortune."

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River energy for new site

KINGSTON University will pump water from the Thames to provide energy to its new £55million building in Penrhyn Road.

Plans for the 9,320sq m town house site were approved last August.

The new building, six storeys at its highest point, will include cafes, an auditorium, three landscaped areas, and a learning resources centre with group study areas.

Connor Wilson, deputy director of estates, said: "We're not using gas and we're using heat from the river. You wouldn't notice the temperature drop in the river. It will help us reduce our carbon footprint."

The system is expected to provide energy to the rest of the university's estate.

Disgraced ex-Lib Dem leader received four-month suspended sentence

Former council boss avoids jail for sex offences breach

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THE former leader of Kingston Council has avoided jail after breaching the sexual offences order placed on him when he was convicted of downloading and distributing child pornography.

Derek Osbourne, 63, was told by Judge Alistair McCreath, 'Just don't do it', when he was given a four-month suspended sentence last Thursday for repeatedly viewing pornography and taking part in online chats of a pornographic nature on websites such as Tumblr.

The alternative blogging platform is home to niche online communities, most popular with teens and university-aged bloggers, with more than half of its users under the age of 25.

Sentencing at Southwark Crown Court, Judge McCreath said: "Had this been a second breach [of the order] you would be going to prison.

'Just don't do it': Derek Osbourne was back in court

"Breach the order again then you know what will happen. The order is absolutely clear. All you have to do is decide not to access any site of this kind. Just don't do it."

The disgraced ex-Liberal Democrat leader was a Kingston councillor for 27 years before his 2013 arrest. He was released from prison in October 2014 having served half of a two-year sentence for making and distributing indecent images of children.

He was re-arrested last November after software placed on his computer showed he had taken part in 10 sexually explicit chats, viewed pornographic images and played online games that were sexual in nature between April and November 2015.

On May 19 he admitted three charges of breaching the court order, which bans him from viewing any online pornography or taking part in sexual online chats.

This includes adult pornography that can usually be accessed legally. His defence said that none of the images or chats concerned children and that Osbourne had been seeing a psychosexual therapist to deal with his issues.

Defence barrister Ronnie Jaffa said: "The good thing, if there is one in this case, is that it was relating to adult matters. When he was released from prison he actually went to access treatment.

"He is quite clearly making efforts not to be involved with child matters or any matters of this kind."

Osbourne has been seeing psychosexual therapist Victoria Appleyard, who counsels people who are addicted to online pornography and have other sexual problems.

Judge McCreath added: "So far as I can ascertain there was no evidence that Mr Osbourne searched for children pornography. The risk was he may have stumbled into it."

Osbourne was jailed for four months, suspended for 12 months.

Give views on plans at talk nights

RESIDENTS will once again get the chance to quiz Kingston councillors on growth and regeneration in the latest series of public talks.

The latest round of Kingston 'conversations' – workshop-style events during which residents can voice their concerns – will discuss the provision of schools, homes, leisure facilities and transport in light of reduced government funding.

On the table will be the new Kingston local plan, Crossrail 2 and the mini-Holland cycling project, dubbed Go Cycle by Kingston Council.

A public consultation into new phases of the scheme was launched last month.

Council leader Kevin Davis said: "Kingston's population is set to increase by 10 per cent by 2035. We need to plan for this growth, making sure it's appropriate."

Events will be held at:

- Southborough High School, Surbiton, July 19, at 7pm
- Richard May Centre, Kingston, July 20, at 7pm
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Councillor slams bill for taxpayers that will 'stick in throat'

Child services head's £52k golden goodbye

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KINGSTON and Richmond residents will foot the bill for a £52,000 send-off for the boroughs' child services boss as he enters semi-retirement.

Nick Whitfield, of Achieving for Children (AfC), announced in an email to headteachers on June 15 that he would cut his workload initially to four days and then three days a week.

He will remain chief executive of AfC, but relinquish the position of child services director, which will be filled internally by Richmond and Kingston councils.

The authorities will give Mr Whitfield a one-off payment of £52,125, as recommended in a cabinet report by leader of Richmond Council, Lord True.

In a statement Mr Whitfield thanked the councils for accepting his request for semi-retirement, saying it would allow him to ensure AfC survives 'challenging financial times'.

He also said the move means he will work for AfC longer than he intended to otherwise.

I'm off: Nick Whitfield

The leader of Richmond's opposition, councillor Gareth Roberts, questioned the size of the payment especially, he said, because the semi-retirement was requested rather than enforced.

Cllr Roberts said: "Many residents will be justifiably concerned at the size of this one off payment.

"Given that this partial retirement was requested, rather than enforced, one would have hoped that the Tories would have been able to negotiate a better deal but evidently they were told to go whistle.

"A massive payment to an individual will stick in the throat for many residents."

Cllr Roberts also criticised Conservative-led Richmond for presenting the decision as being made already, despite the fact it still needed to be officially approved.

He said: "This episode calls into question the accountability of AfC. This decision will be approved by council next week yet it has already been presented as a fait accompli by AfC in an email to staff and school heads.

"The decision has been taken and the council and cabinet has been reduced to little more than a rubber stamp."

In his report, Lord True also recommended the new director of children's services will receive a salary in the range of £118,842 to £127,038.

Mr Whitfield said the new director of children's services would be appointed in the 'coming weeks' and would have control over the 'day-to-day' operations for services in Richmond and Kingston.

Last year he took on extra responsibility as child services commissioner in Sunderland.

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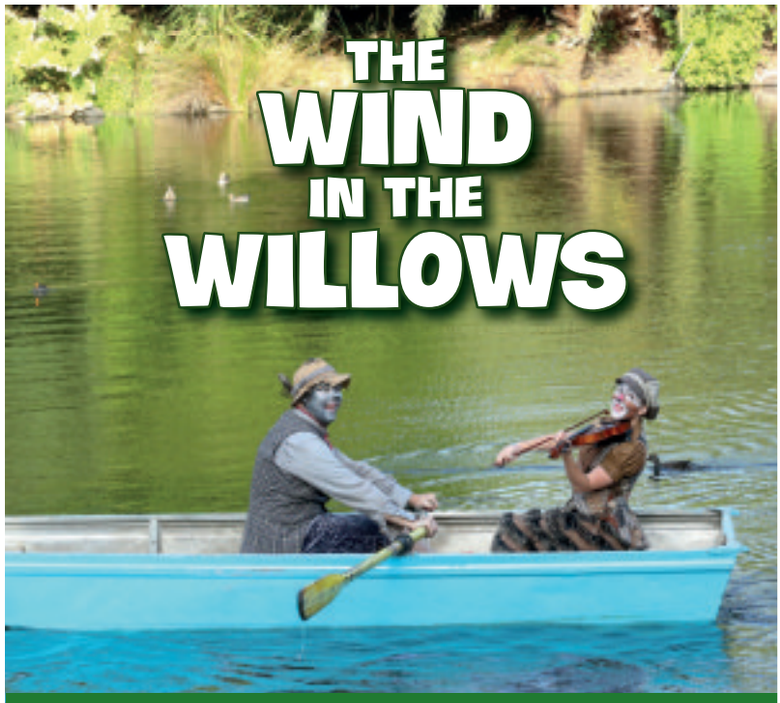

The Wind in the Willows is Kenneth Grahame's classic story of life on the riverbank. A rollicking yet gentle adventure with best friends Ratty, Mole, Badger, Otter and, of course, the arrogant, vain and hilarious Toad.

This critically acclaimed, outdoor theatre production set against the magical backdrop of Kew Gardens' lake, is packed with much-loved colourful characters, music, song and laughter. There is fun for young and old alike as the Head Chief Rabbit transforms your young ones into rabbits with a waggle of the ears and a wiggle of the nose. The young rabbits then join in the riverbank adventure with fun-filled laughs and surprises along the way. A favourite of children everywhere, this is interactive theatre at its very best. Come along and be part of the adventure! Suitable for adults and children of all ages.

In *The Dream Fairies*, the adventurous Honeysuckle unexpectedly meets the fairies from Shakespeare's *A Midsummer Night's Dream*. Honeysuckle has lost her wings and the Dream Fairies – cheeky Mustardseed, fluttery Moth, daring Cobweb and sweet Peaseblossom – have flown off course on their way to Fairy Land. Together, with the help of all the little elves and fairies, they go on an adventure through Bubble Land to find Honeysuckle's wings and the special map to guide them home. Small children are invited to come dressed as fairies or elves.

Suitable for children aged 3-6, this production is an interactive adventure full of sing-along, clap-along songs plus bubbles, acrobatics and, of course, a sprinkle of magic dust that will enthral the young ones throughout the school holidays.

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Would you live in an independent London city-state under President Sadiq Khan?

This is patently ludicrous. Had the Remain side won and this petition had been set up and received this level of support we would have been told that the will of the people should be respected.

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Problem with this country in the last five years is: The defeated can never accept defeat.

PONTEDERA1958

Yes London should be a city state. By the time all the paperwork has been done it would be time to elect a new mayor anyway.

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No bigotry

WHATEVER we think about Brexit, we must not let it become a licence for bigotry.

Thirty-seven per cent of the people living in the borough of Kingston are not "white British", and many of them are suddenly feeling less welcome.

As a London borough, we are part of what is arguably the greatest, most successfully cosmopolitan city in the world. I am proud of that. But it is now threatened by a new type of vocal racism.

One thing that humanists and religious people agree on is the 'golden rule': treat others as you would like to be treated if you were them.

Whatever our origin, or the colour of our skin, or our beliefs, we must all be ready to challenge prejudice, and reassure those we live and work with that the vote on June 23 did not make Britain more racist, it just emboldened some of those who were already prejudiced to say and write hurtful things.

They do not speak for the vast majority of decent people in this country.

VERONIKA J. ELES
SW London Humanists

Borough view

Karen Elson sent in this photo of a curious duck joining her family picnic on Kingston's riverside. To see your photo featured in Borough View, e-mail it, with details of where you took it, to rachael.burford@london.newsquest.co.uk

Pride gone

WHERE has the pride gone from our borough?

Over the last couple of years things have changed quite significantly. Everywhere you look blocks of flats are either being built or are proposed to be built and far too many of them are high-rise blocks.

Kingston is a suburb of London and should remain as such, with family houses with gardens and not be turned into an urban concrete jungle.

The state of our parks and open spaces is quite disgraceful. The grass is not cut often, strimming around the edges and trees is not done, litter doesn't get cleared, dog bins get left unemptied – it's an absolute disgrace.

Our streets aren't much better. Litter is left, in some cases, for many weeks, weeds grow well in gutters and along the pavements.

Road markings get worn away and aren't repainted, street trees aren't maintained and many trees have as much growth around the base as above.

Grass verges are poorly cut and all the cut grass gets left across the pavements or in the road, ready to get blown or washed into the drains to block them.

So please tell me, where has the pride gone from our borough?

VICKI HARRIS
Hook

Role in war

JULY 1 was the 100th anniversary of the start of the Battle of the Somme.

This brings to mind an important local link as it can be said that without the aircraft designed and built in Kingston by the Sopwith Aviation Company, even more would have perished in that long-running battle.

When Tommy Sopwith set up his first aircraft factory in Kingston at the end of 1912 there were just six workers.

To follow a diary of the Sopwith Aviation Company as it happened 100 ago at kingstonaviation.org/100-years-ago.

DAVID HASSARD
Kingston Aviation Centenary Project

A need for long-term benefits

THE proposed new development in Cocks Crescent, bounded by Blagdon Road, Burlington Road and New Malden High Street, has been under consultation for some years.

A development brief was issued by Kingston Council in 2014, but was declared "not fit for purpose".

Initiated by councillors, a working group was set up of residents, members of the Community of New Malden Businesses and a member of a local architectural company.

The group drew up a proposal for Cocks Crescent, the main focus of which was a "community hub", meaning a town square, new leisure centre, the possible relocation of the library, and still retaining a usable open green space.

In the view of the Future Group, a new leisure centre is one of the main priorities. We need a new and improved swimming pool that will enable it to not only host the normal range of swimming activities, but also competitions.

As far as we are concerned, we are determined that the swimming pool will be replaced and indeed, this is one of the main must-haves of our vision.

The aim of the Future Group, which has worked extensively both with the council and residents, is to provide a town centre for New Malden that will rejuvenate our High Street and draw people in to its centre.

Sadly many town centres throughout the UK have been turned into wastelands, particularly during the 1960s and 70s, and we are determined that this will not happen here.

We want to see long-term benefit for New Malden, not short-term gain. We want a town centre that will be used by all segments of our population, which is not a place to be avoided. And the swimming pool is absolutely key.

FRANCES MARSH
New Malden Future Group

At the sharp end of sexism in the world of shaving razors

Editor Andrew Parkes has a number of thoughts every week, here are just five of them

5 THOUGHTS OF THE WEEK...

1. Society has clearly taken huge strides forward in dealing with the issue of sexism. Whilst there are bound to be a few niggling problems which continue to wrangle, the vast majority have been resolved. However, one remaining minor irritation was brought to my attention by my wife at the weekend. Why is it that razors made for men are so much better quality than anything produced for women?

2. What a pleasure it was to host our annual Young Reporter awards. Each year more schools become involved, more students benefit from the discipline of writing to deadline and 2016 proved to be the best yet. At a time when it is easy to write off the younger generation as layabouts it was great to host 35 enthusiastic youngsters determined on improving their futures.

3. Only a few weeks ago I reported the foul-mouthed tirade I received from an elderly lady feeding pigeons in the high street. She cared not a jot that what she was doing is illegal or that my approach to her was entirely reasonable. But, whilst her behaviour is unforgivable I can't help feeling the real problem lies with the authorities. I would like to know how many people each council has successfully prosecuted for feeding pigeons?

4. Dealing with accounts departments can be tricky as I'm sure we are all aware. Imagine my delight then when I spoke to the nice lady and she said I was 'over-trying' and perhaps 'doing too much'. Sadly, despite such efforts she explained I'd still got it wrong and would need to amend everything. Oh for the good old days of claiming expenses – she is very nice though and even emails smiley faces.

5. Thankyou to all those who have written to me to say it's a good job I didn't put a bet on Boris to become Prime Minister. Just to be clear, I didn't say he would become PM when the current incumbent Dave leaves the job. I simply said that one day, Boris Johnson will be British Prime Minister.

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Lola Garcia

By KERRYN RAMM

At 71 years of age, Lola Garcia came to ProBack Clinic after suffering back pain for over 35 years. Originally from Spain, Lola came to London during the 1960s, where she now calls home. She worked for the same family as a cleaner all her life, but was struck down at the age of 35 with terrible lower back pain.

'I started getting pain in my back which meant I couldn't work properly, I started taking painkillers just to be able to keep going to work. Luckily the family I worked for understood when I couldn't get to work because of the pain.' Lola decided to seek help from a hospital where she was diagnosed with osteoarthritis, a painful condition causing joint pain and stiffness resulting from a breakdown of cartilage. Although she was not given painkillers, she was prescribed a course of physiotherapy to ease her symptoms.

'I had been to so many places, and they all said they could not help, but when I came to ProBack the first thing they said to me after the initial examination was that they could help me, or at least they would try their best! Hearing that made me so happy and relieved.'

'I did not find physio helped me and eventually my back pain became unbearable"

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Eventually, Lola was referred to a specialist pain clinic but had to wait between two and three months for the first appointment. 'My back was so bad; when I finally got in to the pain clinic I could barely move, and they told me I was probably going to end up in a wheelchair. At this point I felt terrible and upset, I thought that things could only get worse and worse.'

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After seeing a ProBack article in the Metro for many weeks, Lola decided to book herself an appointment for another opinion. 'I had been to so many places, and they all said they could not help, but when I came to ProBack the first thing they said to me after the initial examination was that they could help me, or at least they would try their best! Hearing that made me so happy and relieved.'

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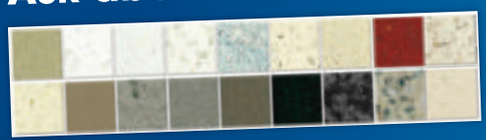

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COMEDY – Balham Comedy Festival at The Bedford, from Friday to July 16: The fifth Balham Comedy Festival features big names including Stephen K Amos, Milton Jones, Marcus Brigstocke, Richard Herring, Al Murray and Reginald D Hunter. Go to balhamcomedyfestival.com

MUSIC – Celebrating Cilla at Epsom Playhouse on Tuesday (July 12): Have a lorra lorra laughs while listening to the music made famous by Cilla Black, courtesy of tribute artist Brenda Collins. Tickets from £19 to £21. Go to epsomplayhouse.co.uk

FOOD – Nosh @ The Place at St Mark's Place, Wimbledon, until Sunday: The pop-up from Love Wimbledon to coincide with the tennis tournament features plenty of street food and music. During the day it is a chill-out space while the bar started serving at 5pm with Pimms and Wimbledon Brewery on tap. Thursday and Fridays mean street food and music.

THEATRE – Fabric at The Cryer, Carshalton, on Friday and Saturday and New Wimbledon Studio Theatre from Monday to Thursday (July 11 to 14): Focussing on the life of one woman, Fabric is a 'raw, poignant and unflinching look at the unravelling of one woman's life', looking at the roles and expectations of women today. Go to suttontheatres.co.uk or atgtickets.com/Wimbledon

RICHARD FLOOD (JOHN) and HELEN GEORGE (JULIE)

What's on

Playwright and former The Day Today star Patrick Marber talks to JIM PALMER about how he'd love to bring the show back in the currrent political climate and the upcoming staging of his latest play, After Miss Julie, at Richmond Theatre.

DAYS TO REMEMBER

Oscar-nominated screenwriter, multi-award winning playwright and comic pioneer Patrick Marber feels like his breakthrough show The Day Today would thrive in today's crazy news cycle and he would jump at the chance to bring it back.

"I would love to do it," the 51-year-old told us. "I'm not sure how many others would be but I'm very much up for a reunion."

The day before we spoke, Marber — who was born and brought up in Wimbledon — spent the night following the breaking EU referendum results.

He said: "I was watching the telly all night last night and thinking 'I wish we were still doing The Day Today because we would have had some fun with this'.

"With these figures who are now important in the world, it did all feel a bit Day Today."

He added: "I don't think anything is beyond parody. I think there is always room for jokes. I think it is comforting also for people to think 'yes there are other people out there with the same views'."

The cult BBC Show made not only Marber's career (playing Peter O'Hanraha-hanrahan) but those of its Chris Morris, Rebecca Front, Doon Mackichan, Armando Iannucci, David Schneider and Steve Coogan, who first gave us his Alan Partridge character.

After working on the Partridge spoof chat show Knowing Me Knowing You, Marber became a respected dramatist on stage and screen with hits including Closer and the screenwriting on Notes on a Scandal, which earned him an Oscar nomination.

He told us: "It feels like doing plays and films is the same kind of fun and the same kind of excitement. It is just slightly different and possibly a bit lonelier at times. It doesn't feel that different."

The reason Marber was talking to us was because one of his earlier plays, After Miss Julie, is heading back to the stage in Richmond from July 11 to 16.

An erotic psychological thriller, it is an adaptation of Strindberg's 1888 play, updated to 1945 on the eve of Labour's landslide victory.

He said: "It is a play I wrote 21 years ago now so just the fact that people still want to do it is very cheering.

"From where I am now, I still feel like the same writer. It doesn't feel completely alien to me. I haven't been tempted to re-write or tinker with it."

Marber originally wrote the play for the small screen, directing it himself on the BBC with a cast including Phil Daniels and Kathy Burke.

It was revived by Michael Grandage in the West End in 2003 starring former Tolworth Girls' School pupil Kelly Reilly and Helen Baxendale.

This time around, Call the Midwife star and Strictly Come Dancing favourite Helen George leads the cast as Anthony Banks directs.

Marber, who has been involved in the production but taken a hands-off role, was effusive about the actress.

He said: "She is very brave and she is witty and of course she is gorgeous. And she vulnerable.

"She has the strength of the character and also the vulnerability, which is a very good combination. She is wise and she is foolish simultaneously. She is very good at playing the contrary nature of Miss Julie.

"She is elegant, she wears the clothes well. Not everyone can do that. She is just great – and a pleasure to work with as well."

After Miss Julie is at Richmond Theatre from July 11 to 16. Go to atgtickets.com/Richmond.

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Jamie Lawson talks to JIM PALMER about the chance meeting with Ed Sheeran which kick-started his music career...

BIG BREAK

A chance meeting with Ed Sheeran in Balham supercharged the career of Jamie Lawson, bringing him a number one, an Ivor Novello Award and even a cameo on Neighbours.

After 20 years trying to make it in the industry and too many pub gigs to count, it's fair to say he wasn't expecting that (sorry).

Talking about the struggle to get heard, the 40-year-old from Plymouth said: "I had done a lot of different gigs – pubs and clubs and shows where nobody listened and they only wanted Oasis songs.

"I have done those songs for a long time but always trying to get here and get my songs on the radio and things. It was no lack of trying on my part but I'm glad it happened, that's for sure."

Jamie's big break actually came years ago, not that he knew it at the time, when by chance he shared the bill with an unknown singer called Ed Sheeran at The Bedford in Balham.

He said: "We were just on the same show. The Bedford is kind of known as a place you should be playing when you are unsigned.

"We were both doing those sort of shows and eventually played one together. It was strange really because we only met once, just before Christmas. It must have been 2010.

"Then four months later his album was number one and he really took off and we lost touch pretty quick. It was good of him to remember me.

"He did a secret show in Dublin in a place that I had done a show before so he remembered me and asked for me to open up for him."

Sheeran then invited Lawson to join him on tour. From there he has toured with One Direction and his profile has gone through the roof and worldwide, including appearances on Ellen DeGeneres in the US and Neighbours in Australia.

He said: "These little things happen and you think 'what's going on, how did I end up here?'"

Lawson's record Wasn't Expecting That hit number one and won him an Ivor Novello award.

He said: "It's a real honour to have been nominated and to have won it is almost a lifetime achievement in a way.

"Somehow I have to put that little statue behind the telly and try and write some new songs without having that hanging over me. It's an amazing thing to have hanging over you anyway."

What's unusual about the win is that the award is kind of late – Jamie first released it in 2011 but is delighted it finally got exposure.

He said: "I always felt that it was a good song and had confidence in it. I thought that from the reaction it had in Ireland when it first came out (it went to number three in 2011) that it was a universal song so I was very glad when it started doing well in Australia and I started getting shows in the US because of it and things like that."

Now Lawson – who is currently working on new material – has a big summer of festivals ahead before a headline tour of the UK, which comes to Brixton Academy on October 19.

He said: "It's a big one for me. A few years back I lived in Brixton. I used to live almost across the road from the Academy — I lived behind the police station — so I got to see quite a few shows there. It's an amazing, iconic venue. It's certainly one of those on the list to play."

Jamie Lawson plays Brixton Academy on October 19 as part of his UK tour. Go to academymusicgroup.com.

WALKIES

TalkSPORT breakfast news presenter and Wandsworth local Sandy Warr is offering guided walks around central London this summer, writes Theo Webley.

In a bid to mark the Queen's Birthday and her record-breaking 64 year reign, walkers will go on a two hour expedition. Following Westminster-qualified guides, participants will learn about the Queen and other monarchs including details on the place of King Charles I's execution.

The walks will begin opposite the Palace of Westminster at 2pm on Saturday, July 9, and Saturday, August 13, and finish at Buckingham Palace. Standard walk tickets cost £10 while family tickets will cost £25.

As well as celebrating the Queen's achievements, there will also be walks to commemorate the centenary of the Battle of the Somme (August 31) – the battle which is known for recording 57,000 casualties of British soldiers on the first day alone.

Go to warrswalks.co.uk.

Jennifer Saunders and Joanna Lumley

REVIEW: ABSOLUTELY FABULOUS THE MOVIE

Remarkably, the questions 'why now' or simply 'why' feel irrelevant when watching the Absolutely Fabulous movie.

The Jennifer Saunders-created sitcom's regular run ended more than twenty years ago so by all rights it should feel dated and stale. Yet the magic is still there and this comedy about two hedonistic media women trying desperately to stay hip seems to fit today even better.

Thanks to a number of specials broadcasts over the years, we've never totally lost with Saunders' PR Eddy and her wrecking ball of a booze and drug consuming, shagger best friend Patsy (Joanna Lumley). The film picks them up still living the Champagne lifestyle.

But Eddy's clients have dried up. She tries to enlist Kate Moss and winds up shoving the supermodel in the Thames, sending her and Patsy on the run in the south of France.

The magic of Ab Fab, as it always was, is encapsulated in the two leads. Saunders as the frantic, self-obsessed Eddy remains a joy while Lumley's Patsy is a total tour de force.

She wrings laughter from most scenes she is in and has some killer lines.

Judged by its jokes, the script is sharp.

We're also glad to see the rest of the regular gang back, from Julia Sawalha's Saffy to June Whitfield's mother and Jane Horrocks' delightfully oddball Bubble.

Supposedly part of the fun of this movie is spotting the 60-odd celebrity cameos – from Nick Grimshaw to Jerry Hall to Joan Collins to Suki Waterhouse etc – but it is also one of its biggest flaws.

So much effort has gone to cram them in that the first half of the movie becomes bloated. And most of the appearances are either clunky or badly acted or both.

Some, however, are good value: among them John Hamm running in to old flame Patsy and a visual gag with Dame Edna.

Kate Moss's appearance is an enjoyable plot driver and Kathy Burke's ruthless magazine editor is a huge amount of fun, though more of a fleeting character than cameo.

Despite some dreadful moments, which include and utterly uninspired car chase, the fun Ab Fab movie sticks to doing what the sitcom did best and does so without falling back on nostalgia. I'm sure Eddy and Patsy would raise a Stolly-Bolly toast to that.

Out now.

★★★★★

Sandown Park Racecourse's General Manager Phil White

We hosted our feature meeting of the summer, the Coral Eclipse last weekend. This is one of the biggest races in the British calendar, famed for being the first time that the British classic generation can face their older peers at Group 1 level. This year the race was worth £525,000, making it the most valuable renewal in the 130 year history of the race. This record prize-money attracted some top horses including the Prince of Wales's Stakes (Royal Ascot) winner My Dream Boat and previous Sandown Park winner, Time Test. The spoils were taken by Hawkbill, making it six wins in a row for the three-year-old colt. After racing the crowds were entertained in the sun with a DJ set from BBC Radio 1 presenter Nick Grimshaw.

The day before the Coral-Eclipse we hosted our Ladies Day. This year we had Rosie Fortescue, from TV's Made in Chelsea join us as the 'Style Award' judge. Our brilliant prizes this year included shoes and accessories from Unisa, chosen from the Covent Garden store; a hat selected personally with British milliner Noel Stewart from his studio collection; and a personal shopping appointment with one of the stylists from Beulah. The Ladies didn't disappoint, there were some excellent entries and this year's winner was Tina Gough, who joined us at Sandown Park to celebrate her daughter's hen do!

On 21 July we have our Elmbridge Community Raceday. This includes an afternoon of flat racing as well as the annual Mayor's Charity Mascot race. Use the promotional code JCELMBRIDGE to redeem £5 tickets – under 18s go racing for free.

We have some very exciting music acts playing after racing at Sandown Park over the next month. On 13 July Brit Award-nominee Jess Glynne will play live after evening racing. The following week (20 July) we welcome Busted to the racecourse and our summer season of live music closes with Bryan Adams on 4 August – we're down to our final 1000 tickets for Bryan Adams, so book soon to avoid disappointment!

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A guide to assisting your children onto the property ladder...

Hundreds of thousands of first time buyers are turning to the 'bank of mum and dad' this year to help get a foot on the property ladder – including older children who have long since cut the apron strings.

One of the main reasons parents are keen to help is to improve on their child's credit rating by acting as a guarantor or providing a deposit. This will help them get a better mortgage rate. These options are different from giving a financial gift of money (which could have a tax implication.)

If parents go down the route of offering to deposit a lump sum with a mortgage lender, as a form of financial guarantee, this will have the least tax implications because the funds are only there to act as security. It is the same if parents offer their own property as security.

If you're keen to help your children but are still wondering how, here are some ways to consider doing so:

Guarantor mortgages: With a guarantor mortgage, a parent or close family member guarantees the mortgage debt. This means that if the buyer misses their mortgage repayments the guarantor will have to cover them.

Family offset mortgages: With family offset mortgages, parents or grandparents put their savings into an account linked to their child's mortgage. The money in the savings account is then deducted from the mortgage, making the child's repayments cheaper.

Family deposit mortgage: With family deposit mortgages, a family member deposits cash in a special savings account and the money is then held as security against the mortgage.

Flexible family mortgages: A parent or family member can use some of the value in their own property as security. Another option is for the family member to place savings in an offset account which reduces the amount of the mortgage on which interest is charged.

Gifted deposits: The parent gives a deposit to their child for the purchase of property.

Joint ownership: In this case both the parent and the child will be named on the mortgage and the deeds. The size of the loan will be based on the earnings of both parent and child and if one of them stops paying, the other one will become liable for the debt.

One of the best ways to find the right mortgage is to seek help from a mortgage broker. They will work on their customer's behalf and negotiate between them and the mortgage lender. There are two kinds of mortgage brokers, those who use a panel of lenders and those who search the whole mortgage market to find the most suitable lender.

For first time buyers, or people with a poor credit history, a mortgage broker can offer advice on how to build a credit score that attracts lenders. Often it is about knowing the right lenders to approach.

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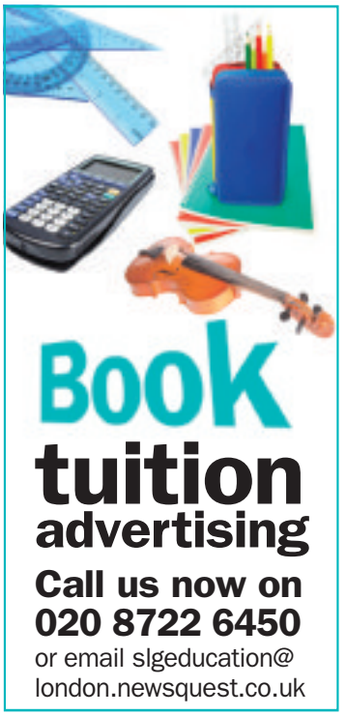

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1. Transport for London, hereby gives notice that it intends to make the above named Order under section 6 of the Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984.
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3. The road which would be affected by the Order is A3 Tolworth Rise South Service Road in the London Borough of Kingston upon Thames.
4. A copy of the Order, a statement of Transport for London's reasons for the proposals, a map indicating the location and effect of the Order and copies of any Order revoked, suspended or varied by the Order can be inspected during normal office hours at the offices of:
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5. All objections and other representations to the proposed Order must be made in writing and must specify the grounds on which they are made. Objections and representations must be sent to Transport for London, Streets Traffic Order Team, Palestra, 197 Blackfriars Road, London, SE1 8NJ quoting reference RSM/PI/STOT/TRO, GLA/2016/0271, to arrive before 28th July 2016. Objections and other representations may be communicated to other persons who may be affected.

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4. Copies of the Orders and a statement of Transport for London's reason for the proposal can be inspected during normal office hours at the offices of:
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   - Ejaz Ashraf Parking Operations Officer Environment Services Royal Borough of Kingston-upon-Thames, Guildhall 2 Kingston, Surrey KT1 1EU
   - Clare Harris Senior Traffic Orders Engineer Croydon Council Development and Environment Department, Parking Services Division, Infrastructure – Traffic Design, P.O. Box 1462, CR9 1WX
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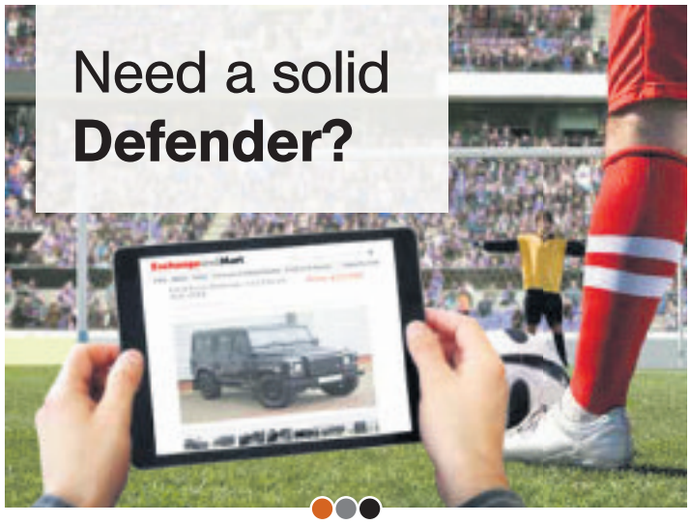

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Inns: New faces will find it tough

SKIPPER Alan Inns, *right*, says traillists hoping to land a place in Kingstonian boss Tommy Williams' squad for this term will find it tough going.

Ks returned to pre-season training at the weekend with a number of players hoping to win one of two spaces still open.

"Tommy knew who he wanted to keep and who he wanted to sign," said Inns.

"He doesn't want to rush in, so those on trial will have to work hard right through pre-season."

Confident: Surbiton rower Moe Sbihi

Confident men's four Rio ready

MOE Sbihi and the men's four will be chomping at the bit to get out to Brazilian waters and turn confidence into success, according to two-time Olympic silver medallist Debbie Flood.

A long four years of hard work and dedication is almost over for Sbihi as he looks to help Great Britain successfully defend the men's four gold medal won at London 2012.

It is a new look crew compared to four years ago though with Alex Gregory the only survivor and Sbihi, George Nash and Constantine Louloudis his new teammates.

Sbihi was also a medallist at London 2012, winning bronze in the men's eight while during the last 12 months he has won World gold as part of the men's eight and European gold with the men's four.

And Flood believes it is a measure of Sbihi's standing in the eyes of head coach Jurgen Grobler that he has been named to help lead the successful defence of the men's four Olympic title.

"It's the lead men's boat, it's been going really well this season even when they had a sub in," said Flood, speaking at the first ever Invesco Perpetual City Rowing Regatta held in Edinburgh.

"They've got real confidence. They will be aiming high and they won't have any doubts. They will be training hard and looking to get out there and racing.

"Our men's sweep and sculling group are such a strong group of guys just in the whole aspect of medalling and their belief and confidence.

"Jurgen will deem which group of guys has the most potential for that gold medal, but the depth after that is strong."

TITLE RACE: Track stars remain in British Athletics League promotion hunt

History awaits Kingston

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Shot star: Chris Dack

KINGSTON AC & Polytechnic Harriers left it late, but nonetheless made history with a first British Athletics League Division Two match win to keep promotion hopes alive on Saturday.

The club's relay squads were the heroes as the men's 4x100m claimed second place – a Division Two best effort – and the 4x400m finish fourth to clinch victory by three points ahead of second-placed Crawley.

An injury to a Swansea athlete in the final leg of the 4x100m opened the door to second for Kingston (43.02secs) and it proved crucial in the final reckoning.

An A string 3,000m steeplechase win from Danny Eckersley in nine minutes 29.5 seconds – the club's only A string win of the day – set Kingston on their way to a points haul of 347.

Second-place finishes from Chris Dack (shot), Matthew Houlden (long jump), Humphrey Waddington (triple jump), Scott Evans (800m) and Mutara Sheriff (100m and 200m) were the other highlights.

The result means Kingston are one point behind leaders Cardiff and level on points with second-placed Swansea going into the final fixture of the season at Nottingham on August 6.

"Before the relays we were level with Crawley on just over 300 points," said team boss Chris Hall.

"With nobody having paid attention to where Crawley finished in each relay, we faced a nervous wait to see if we had won.

"A win – which nobody could have imagined at the start of the season – was just reward for a magnificent performance full of spirit.

"Ultimately we have to finish above Swansea and above seventh in the final match to achieve the unthinkable.

"We will need as strong a team as possible to push ourselves over the line."

Kingston's juniors made it a great weekend for the club as they won a third successive Lily B League title on Sunday.

Heading in the right direction: Kingston's Alix Baccardax leads the 800m race in Sunday's Lily B League match that saw the club's juniors claim a third successive league title

Tolworth's Behan handed a second Olympics chance

Aiming high: Kieran Behan is gearing up for another shot at Olympic glory

TOLWORTH Gymnastics Club's Kieran Behan will contest his second Olympic Games after being named in the Irish squad bound for Brazil in August.

The 27-year-old was only the second Irish gymnast to qualify for an Olympics when he made the grade for London 2012, but failed to qualify for any finals.

Behan, who won his place with a silver medal at the Olympic test event in April, will aim for better in Rio having won floor and team gold at the Northern European Gymnastics Championships in Limerick last year.

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MOTORSPORT: Tom Onslow-Cole continues his miserable 24 Hour Series campaign with RAM Racing in France this weekend. Onslow-Cole, *above*, is 13th in the driver standings, while his team - defending champions in the A6 class - is ninth. RAM have only had two points finishes this season.

CRICKET: Kingstonian's Surrey Championship Division Four draw at Cobham Avorians proved costly as they were replaced at the top of the table by Sanderstead on Saturday. Jahangir Mirza's unbeaten 61 helped the visitors to 138 for nine, but Cobham held on for the draw as they reached 89 for seven. Sanderstead beat Weybridge Vandals by six wickets at home. Division One Malden Wanderers' trip to Chipstead, Coulsdon and Walcountians was abandoned. Fixtures: Malden Wanderers v Walton-on-Thames, Kingstonian v Guildford City.

HOCKEY: Surbiton Hockey Club's women's head coach Brett Garrard has secured the services of three new faces for the forthcoming Women's Hockey League Premier Division campaign. Emily Defroand and Hannah Martin both switch to the defending champions from the University of Birmingham, while Alice Sharp returns to the UK from German outfit Club an der Alster. None of the trio are yet to be registered for WHL Premier Division action.

FOOTBALL: Corinthian Casuals face Hayes & Yeading in the semi-finals of their Geoff Harvey & Jimmy Hill Memorial Trophy tournament at King George's Field on Saturday. A clash with either Ryman Premier League champions Hampton & Richmond Borough or play-off finalists Tonbridge Angels awaits in the final on Sunday.

YOUTH GAMES: Kingston finished a lowly 11th in the London Youth Games' Jubilee Trophy standings after the final weekend of competition at Crystal Palace last week. Bromley pipped defending champions Wandsworth to the title, with Richmond third.

PARKRUN: Tom Jervis clocked 15 minutes 50 seconds to win in Bushy Park.

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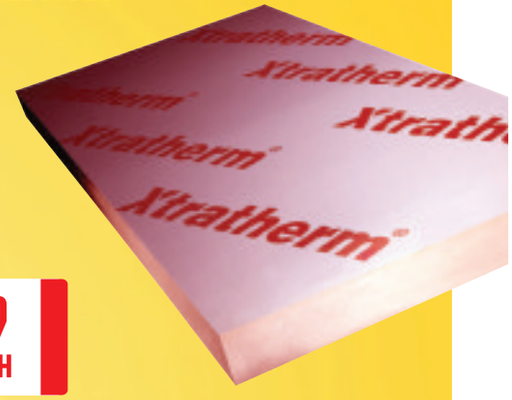

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